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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1358

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE 18 OF
THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING PROPERTY; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO MAKE TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO TITLE
18 OF THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING
PROPERTY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 18-11-110(d), concerning the prohibition on land ownership by a prohibited foreign-party-controlled business, is amended to read as follows to clarify a criminal offense:

(d) A prohibited foreign-party-controlled business entity ~~shall that~~ violates this section upon conviction ~~be~~ is guilty of a an unclassified felony punishable by not more than two (2) years' imprisonment in the custody of the Division of Correction or a fine of fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000), or both.

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 18-11-802(8)(B) and (C), concerning the definition of "significant interest" and "substantial control" as used with respect to the foreign ownership of agricultural land, are reenacted to ratify the decision by the Arkansas Code Revision Commission to change references to "subdivision (5)(A)" to "subdivision (5)" in order to correct reference errors.

(B) An interest of thirty-three percent (33%) or more held



whenever the parties, individuals, or governments referred to in subdivision (5) of this section are acting in concert with respect to the interest even though no single individual, party, or government holds an interest of thirty-three percent (33%) or more; or

(C) An interest of fifty percent (50%) or more, in the aggregate, held by parties, individuals, or governments referred to in subdivision (5) of this section even though the individuals, parties, or foreign governments may not be acting in concert.

SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. CONSTRUCTION AND LEGISLATIVE INTENT.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that:

(1) The enactment and adoption of this act shall not expressly or impliedly repeal an act passed during the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly;

(2) To the extent that a conflict exists between an act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly and this act:

(A) The act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly shall be treated as a subsequent act passed by the General Assembly for the purposes of:

(i) Giving the act of the regular session of the Ninety-Fifth General Assembly its full force and effect; and

(ii) Amending or repealing the appropriate parts of the Arkansas Code of 1987; and

(B) Section 1-2-107 shall not apply; and

(3) This act shall make only technical, not substantive, changes to the Arkansas Code of 1987.

APPROVED: 2/25/25